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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 7,291.62	\$ 89,535.29
Expenses - December	\$ 12,824.53	\$ 72,042.37
Over/(Under)		\$ 17,492.92
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Jan 7-15			
01/07 Sat	4:00pm	Virginia Buche	Arma
	5:30pm	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
01/08 Sun	8:00am	Wally Rons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
01/09 Mon		NO MASS	
01/10 Tues	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
01/11 Wed	8:00am	Donna Little	Girard
01/12 Thurs	8:00am	Regina Butler	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration		Arma
01/13 Fri	7:30am	Donna Little	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration		Girard
01/14 Sat	4:00pm	Linda Carpino	Arma
	5:30pm	Bernard O'Brien	Girard
01/15 Sun	8:00am	Rev Pat Larkin	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (01/14) 5:30pm	Sunday (01/15) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Brandon Leritz & Jaxton Smith	Trevor & August Amershek
EME	Carrie Smith	Linda Garrett
Lector	Donna Martin	Austin Smith
Gifts	Dr. Mindi Garner Family	Robert & Alice Davied

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Liv Anderson, Audrey Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Tyler Edwards, Rosemary Gardner, Fred & Marjorie Giefer, Tom Kovach, Marita Lopeman, Mary Kay Mason, Richard Mason, Kevin Mikrut, Joseph Muia, John Oplotnik, Josie Oplotnik, Mary Sayre, Anna Snow, Carly Twarog-Carnes, Dan Wendt, and Grant Wilks who are ill or in need of prayers. Please note that individuals on our prayer list are left on until a request is made to remove them. Requests to be added or removed can be sent to jmscales414@gmail.com. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Epiphany

Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12
 "Rise up in splendor," Diocese of Wichita! "Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you!" Isaiah's words in today's first reading are meant for Jerusalem, but the Word of God is meant for all, yet, it remains hidden to so many. Our diocese is very unique, seemingly hidden. We are one of the only, perhaps the absolute singular diocese that lives out the Stewardship model in its current form. Like the Magi, we bring our gifts to the King—our time, talent and treasure, not on camels, but in our hearts. The Herods of the world seek to reroute our gifts, so we must be mindful, intentional and generous with them. Let's be that star guiding the unexpected souls to the epiphany of Christ!

ST. MICHAEL CRAFT CLUB

Anyone who enjoys knitting, crocheting, or sewing, please consider joining our craft club at St. Michael's. Attendance on Wednesdays is optional. If you wish to work on projects at home and donate, we will gladly send your items to a charity. We also will accept yarn and fabric that you no longer need. Since 2017 we have donated over 2500 items to many organizations including Special Olympics, Freeman Cancer Center in Pittsburg, Vie, Crawford County Health Dept, DHS, Medical Lodge, Children's Advocacy, Fresinius Dialysis, USD 248, hospitals, Inter-Local, Wesley House. Donated items include hats, scarves, blankets, weighted vests, masks, fidget lap blankets, pillowcases among other items. Call Barb Mikrut 620.249.9505 to donate.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The next D of I meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30pm and St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul. We will be updating our Standing Rules and Internal Rules, along with a small meeting. Please remember to pay your dues in January. There will not be a meeting in February. All ladies from St. Joseph and St. Michael parishes are welcome to attend!

ALL ARE WELCOME

Some years ago at a gathering of sisters who were discussing the decline in vocations, Jamie T. Phelps, OP, posed this question to the predominantly white group: What if I told you that there were two hundred healthy, energetic, faith-filled young women who were ready to join you tomorrow? Of course heads nodded and smiles revealed the warm welcome they would be accorded, Sister Jamie queried further: What if I told you the two hundred women were black? The sisters suddenly found themselves struggling with their response as they faced their own unconscious racism.

The sisters' experience may not have been far removed from that of Matthew's predominantly Jewish community, who were struggling to welcome Gentile believers. This is the gospel in which Jesus emphatically warns his disciples, when he sends them out on mission, not to go anywhere near Gentiles or Samaritans but only to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (10:6, NRSV). This is also the community that told the story of the Canaanite woman whom Jesus rebuffed when she pleaded with him to heal her daughter. He declared that he had been "sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (15:24, NRSV). Her faithful persistence helped him to see that his mission could embrace others beyond the borders of his own people. This openness to other people than Jews reaches a climax at the conclusion of the gospel, where the final words of the risen Christ are his instruction to go and make disciples of all nations (28:19).

This all-inclusive mission of Christ is already foreshadowed in the opening chapters of the gospel, where exotic visitors from the East are the first to do homage to Jesus. The "magi" were not kings themselves but served their king with skills such as interpreting dreams. In the gospel they also appear to be adept at interpreting the movement of the stars. Following the star, they are the first Gentiles to seek and recognize Jesus, offering their precious gifts to him. In so doing, they foreshadow the way Gentiles will flock to the Christian communities, bearing gifts for mission.

The other readings for the feast of Epiphany also underscore the welcome extended to all in God's embrace. Isaiah speaks of how peoples from every nation will stream toward the renewed Jerusalem, all bearing their gifts and proclaiming God's praises. The psalm likewise sings of how every nation on earth will adore God's Anointed One. Ephesians emphasizes that "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." There are no second-class members and no privileges for those who had priority in the faith. All are equal members.

The very insistence on the equal status of Gentiles, backed up with the assertion that this has now been revealed to the apostles and prophets by the Spirit, reveals the struggles of the early Christian communities to make this a reality. The difficulties in welcoming Gentiles have long ago been overcome, but others still face us today. What welcome is given to people of different races or socioeconomic strata? To women? To those of different sexual orientations? Facing out prejudices and working to dismantle them is a most difficult task. It can take a lifetime, but it is possible to do with the help of the Spirit, who continues to reveal the copartnership of all in the body of Christ.

-Sr. Barbara Reid, adapted from *Abiding Word*

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